GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegation of non implementation of the orders of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WP No. 7880/2015 resulting filing CC Nos. 3430 & 3432 of 2018 thereby causing legal complications – Disciplinary proceedings and charges framed against **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, the then Executive Engineer**, PRI Division, Guntur under rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Written statement of defence received – Considered - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.223. **Dated:13.03.2024.**

Read the following:

1.G.O.Rt.NO. 867, PR&RD (Estt. I) Department, Dated: 22.10.2022.
2. From Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, E.E, PR, written statement of defence dt: 09.08.2023.
3.Govt. Memo NO. 17024/2/2019-Estt. I, PR&RD (Estt. I) Department, Dt: 02.02.2023.
4.From the ENC,PR, Letter NO. Vig. III (1)/864/2022, dated: 19.12.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, Executive Engineer,** PRI Division, Bapatla, for showing disobedience and non implementation of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of A.P in WP No. 7880/2015 and thereby caused embarrassment situation for Government higher officials before the Hon'ble High Court of AP in Contempt Case Nos. 3430 & 3432 of 2018, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge :

That **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, E.E**, PRI Division, Bapatla has created legal complications in non implementation of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of AP in WP No. 7880/2015 and thereby caused embarrassment situation for Government higher officials before the Hon'ble High Court of AP in Contempt Case NO. 3430/2018 & 3432/2018 on 21.10.2022.

Thus, **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, E.E, PRI Division, Bapatla** showed his disobedience of the orders issued by the higher authorities and gross negligence during his tenure from 20.04.2022 to 14.07.2022 in attending his legitimate duties and acted in contravention of Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the charged officer **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, Executive Engineer (PR)** has submitted his written statement of defence and stated that out of (7) writ petitioners, the salaries were paid to the six (6) writ petitioners/NMR employees on 04.12.2020 & 12.02.2021 respectively to their bank accounts prior to his joining as EE, PRI, Bapatla. The PRI Division, Guntur was shifted and the staff and furniture to Bapatla and opened new office there as per the

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Government orders and instructions from the office of the ENC,PR, A.P, Vijayawada upon bifurcation of Districts. Later, he come to know that the salaries / arrears of Late A. Pichaiah (beneficiary A.Krishnaveni being his daughter & 7th Respondent) in this CC were pending only after receiving the Form-1 in the contempt case. Immediately, he uploaded the bills of Sri Late A. Pitchaiah through CFMS on 10.10.2022 and he had also attended the High Court and intimated the CFMS token Nos., in this case to the High Court on 22.10.2022. The payment was also made to the above petitioner on 25.10.2022. The Charged Officer has stated that he has not shown any dereliction to duties and the Hon'ble High Court also closed the CC and arrears were deposited to the bank account of beneficiary. He has requested to drop the charge against him in the matter.

3. In the reference 4th read above the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, PR has furnished his remarks duly stating that the Superintending Engineer, PR, Guntur in his letter dt: 4.12.2023 has informed that the orders of Hon'ble High Court of AP in WP No. 7880 of 2015 have been implemented and benefits were released to applicants. The Hon'ble High Court of A.P have also closed the CC Nos. 3430 of 2018 & 3432/2018 in the matter. The ENC, PR has requested the Government to take further action in the matter.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter and in light of the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, have taken a decision to drop further action against **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, the then EE** / DPREO, Bapatla and presently working as Executive Engineer, PR, Machilipatnam in the matter.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against **Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, the then E.E** / DPREO, Bapatla and presently working as Executive Engineer, PR, Machilipatnam in the matter.

6. The ENC, PR is requested to take further action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
Sri A.V.S. Srinivas, the then DPREO, Bapatla and presently working as EE, PR, Machilipatnam
(through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada)

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PS to Prl. Secy. to Govt, PR&RD. Department .
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